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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of all claims in the application.

- 1. (Currently amended) A method of detecting a target analyte in a sample comprising:
 - [[a.]] a) applying an initiation signal to a tissue collection device an electrode within an evacuated tube, comprising an said electrode comprising:
 - I. a self-assembled monolayer;
 - II. an assay complex comprising:
 - 1) a capture binding ligand;
 - 2) said target analyte; and
 - 3) an electron transfer moiety; and
 - [[b.]] b) detecting electron transfer between said electrode and said electron transfer moiety.
- 2. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said sample is blood.
- (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said self-assembled monolayer comprises insulators.
- 4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said self-assembled monolayer comprises an electroconduit-forming species.
- 5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said target analyte is nucleic acid.
- 6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said capture binding ligand is a capture probe.
- (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said assay complex comprises a label probe comprising said electron transfer moiety.

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8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said electron transfer moiety is ferrocene.

9. (Canceled)